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**PROGRAM OFFERINGS (STUDENTS MUST ENROLL IN 12 HOURS)**

[Taught in English]
- LACS 103: Introduction to Contemporary Cuba
- LACS 200: Women’s Health in the Caribbean
- LACS 310: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Latin America and the Caribbean
- POLI 340: Politics of Latin America
- POLI 245: The Cuban Revolution

[Taught in Spanish]
- SPAN275: Spanish Skills Review OR SPAN 328: Spanish Language Study Abroad

**PROGRAM DATES**

February - April, 2022

*Exact dates TBD

**PROGRAM FEE**

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October 1, 2021

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INCLUDED IN PROGRAM FEE

- Non-refundable application fee of $50
- Round-trip airfare from Charleston to Cuba
- Housing with breakfast and dinner in private residences (casas particulares)
- All ground transportation and entrance fees during program excursions
- Academic Visas
- International Health Insurance

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Tuition: Students will pay their normal CofC tuition. All financial aid and scholarships that students normally receive will apply.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships ranging from $500- $2000 are available to support CofC degree-seeking students to study abroad; eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and academic merit. Applications can be found on the CIE website: https://international.cofc.edu under Scholarships.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact Program Director Ashley Wendt at wendtam@cofc.edu or Dr. Nadia Avendaño at avendanon@cofc.edu.

TO APPLY

To apply visit https://cofc.via-trm.com. For questions related to academics and program logistics, please contact Program Director Ashley Wendt at wendtam@cofc.edu or Dr. Nadia Avendaño at avendanon@cofc.edu. For other questions, please contact the CIE at studyabroad@cofc.edu or 843-953-7661.

The application deadline is October 15, 2021. Please note that a non-refundable $50 application fee, will be charged to the student’s MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. This fee is included in the program fee of $5,895.